

for the purposes mentioned in section 4 of this Act, subject only to review in a court of equity for fraud or gross mistake.

Right to sell, etc.,  
conferred.

SEC. 7. The right to sell, assign, transfer, and mortgage all the rights, powers, and privileges conferred by this Act is hereby granted to Henry Horsey, Winfield Scott, A. L. Ballegoin, and Frank Schee, their heirs, legal representatives, and assigns, and any corporation to which or any person to whom such rights, powers, and privileges may be sold, assigned, or transferred, or who shall acquire the same by mortgage foreclosure or otherwise, is hereby authorized and empowered to exercise the same as fully as though conferred herein directly upon such corporation or person.

Amendment.

SEC. 8. The right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is hereby expressly reserved.

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[S. 4381]

[Public, No. 471.]

**CHAP. 683.**—An Act Authorizing H. A. Rinder, his heirs, legal representatives, and assigns, to construct, maintain, and operate a bridge across the Missouri River at or near Niobrara, Nebraska.

Missouri River.  
H. A. Rinder may  
bridge, at Niobrara,  
Nebr.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That in order to facilitate interstate commerce, improve the postal service, and provide for military and other purposes, H. A. Rinder, his heirs, legal representatives, and assigns, be, and is hereby, authorized to construct, maintain, and operate a bridge and approaches thereto across the Missouri River, at a point suitable to the interests of navigation, at or near Niobrara, Nebraska, in accordance with the provisions of the Act entitled "An Act to regulate the construction of bridges over navigable waters," approved March 23, 1906, and subject to the conditions and limitations contained in this Act.

Construction.

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Right to acquire real  
estate, etc., for location,  
approaches, etc.

SEC. 2. There is hereby conferred upon H. A. Rinder, his heirs, legal representatives, and assigns, all such rights and powers to enter upon lands and to acquire, condemn, occupy, possess, and use real estate and other property needed for the location, construction, operation, and maintenance of such bridge and its approaches as are possessed by railroad corporations for railroad purposes or by bridge corporations for bridge purposes in the State in which such real estate or other property is situated, upon making just compensation therefor, to be ascertained and paid according to the laws of such State, and the proceedings therefor shall be the same as in the condemnation or expropriation of property for public purposes in such State.

Condemnation pro-  
ceedings.

Tolls authorized.

SEC. 3. The said H. A. Rinder, his heirs, legal representatives, and assigns, is hereby authorized to fix and charge tolls for transit over such bridge, and the rates of toll so fixed shall be the legal rates until changed by the Secretary of War under the authority contained in the Act of March 23, 1906.

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Acquisition author-  
ized, after completion,  
by Nebraska, South  
Dakota, etc.

SEC. 4. After the completion of such bridge, as determined by the Secretary of War, either the State of Nebraska, the State of South Dakota, any public agency or political subdivision of either of such States, within or adjoining which any part of such bridge is located, or any two or more of them jointly, may at any time acquire and take over all right, title, and interest in such bridge and its approaches, and any interest in real property necessary therefor, by purchase or by condemnation or expropriation, in accordance with the laws of either of such States governing the acquisition of private property for public purposes by condemnation or expropriation. If at any time after the expiration of twenty years after the completion of such bridge the same is acquired by condemnation or expropria-

Compensation, if ac-  
quired by condemna-  
tion.

tion, the amount of damages or compensation to be allowed shall not include good will, going value, or prospective revenues or profits, but shall be limited to the sum of (1) the actual cost of constructing such bridge and its approaches, less a reasonable deduction for actual depreciation in value; (2) the actual cost of acquiring such interests in real property; (3) actual financing and promotion costs, not to exceed 10 per centum of the sum of the cost of constructing the bridge and its approaches and acquiring such interests in real property; and (4) actual expenditures for necessary improvements.

SEC. 5. If such bridge shall at any time be taken over or acquired by the States or public agencies or political subdivisions thereof, or by either of them, as provided in section 4 of this Act, and if tolls are thereafter charged for the use thereof, the rates of toll shall be so adjusted as to provide a fund sufficient to pay for the reasonable cost of maintaining, repairing, and operating the bridge and its approaches under economical management, and to provide a sinking fund sufficient to amortize the amount paid therefor, including reasonable interest and financing cost, as soon as possible under reasonable charges, but within a period of not to exceed twenty years from the date of acquiring the same. After a sinking fund sufficient for such amortization shall have been so provided, such bridge shall thereafter be maintained and operated free of tolls, or the rates of toll shall thereafter be so adjusted as to provide a fund of not to exceed the amount necessary for the proper maintenance, repair, and operation of the bridge and its approaches under economical management. An accurate record of the amount paid for acquiring the bridge and its approaches, the actual expenditures for maintaining, repairing, and operating the same and of the daily tolls collected, shall be kept and shall be available for the information of all persons interested.

SEC. 6. H. A. Rinder, his heirs, legal representatives, and assigns, shall within ninety days after the completion of such bridge file with the Secretary of War and with the highway departments of the States of Nebraska and South Dakota, a sworn itemized statement showing the actual original cost of constructing the bridge and its approaches, the actual cost of acquiring any interest in real property necessary therefor, and the actual financing and promotion costs. The Secretary of War may, and upon request of the highway department of either of such States shall, at any time within three years after the completion of such bridge, investigate such costs and determine the accuracy and the reasonableness of the costs alleged in the statement of costs so filed and shall make a finding of the actual and reasonable costs of constructing, financing, and promoting such bridge. For the purpose of such investigation the said H. A. Rinder, his heirs, legal representatives, and assigns, shall make available all of his records in connection with the construction, financing, and promotion thereof. The findings of the Secretary of War as to the reasonable costs of the construction, financing, and promotion of the bridge shall be conclusive for the purposes mentioned in section 4 of this Act, subject only to review in a court of equity for fraud or gross mistake.

SEC. 7. The right to sell, assign, transfer, and mortgage all the rights, powers, and privileges conferred by this Act is hereby granted to H. A. Rinder, his heirs, legal representatives, and assigns, and any corporation to which or any person to whom such rights, powers, and privileges may be sold, assigned, or transferred, or who shall acquire the same by mortgage foreclosure or otherwise, is hereby authorized and empowered to exercise the same as fully as though conferred herein directly upon such corporation or person.

Limitations.

Tolls under State,  
etc., operation.

Rates applied to operation, sinking fund, etc.

Maintenance as free bridge, etc., after amortizing costs.

Record of expenditures and receipts.

Sworn statement of construction costs, etc., to be filed after completion.

Examination by Secretary of War.

Findings of Secretary conclusive.

Right to sell, etc., conferred.

## Amendment.

SEC. 8. The right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is hereby expressly reserved.

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May 22, 1928.

[H. R. 457.]

[Public, No. 472.]

**CHAP. 684.**—An Act To create a board of local inspectors, Steamboat Inspection Service, at Hoquiam, Washington.

Steamboat Inspection Service.  
Hoquiam, Wash.  
Board of local inspectors created at.  
Additional allowances.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That a board of local inspectors, Steamboat Inspection Service, consisting of a local inspector of hulls and a local inspector of boilers, be, and is hereby, created at the port of Hoquiam, Washington. Such inspector of hulls and inspector of boilers shall each be entitled, in addition to his authorized pay and traveling allowances, to his actual and reasonable expenses for transportation of instruments, which shall be certified and sworn to under such instructions as shall be given by the Secretary of Commerce.

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[H. R. 5543.]

[Public, No. 473.]

**CHAP. 685.**—An Act To authorize payment of six months' death gratuity to dependent relative of officers, enlisted men, or nurses whose death results from wounds or disease not resulting from their own misconduct.

Navy.  
Vol. 41, p. 824, amended.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the provision contained in the Act approved June 4, 1920 (Forty-first Statutes at Large, page 824; section 943, title 34, United States Code), is hereby amended to read as follows:

Allowance for death in service.

U. S. Code, p. 1143, amended.

Six month's pay to widow, child, or dependent relative.

"943. ALLOWANCE ON DEATH OF OFFICER OR ENLISTED MAN OR NURSE, TO WIDOW, CHILD, OR DEPENDENT RELATIVE.—Immediately upon official notification of the death from wounds or disease, not the result of his or her own misconduct, of any officer, enlisted man, or nurse on the active list of the regular Navy or regular Marine Corps, or on the retired list when on active duty, the Paymaster General of the Navy shall cause to be paid to the widow, and if there be no widow to the child or children, and if there be no widow or child, to any other dependent relative of such officer, enlisted man, or nurse previously designated by him or her, an amount equal to six months' pay at the rate received by such officer, enlisted man, or nurse at the date of his or her death. The Secretary of the Navy shall establish regulations requiring each officer and enlisted man or nurse having no wife or child to designate the proper dependent relative to whom this amount shall be paid in case of his or her death. Said amount shall be paid from funds appropriated for the pay of the Navy and pay of the Marine Corps, respectively: *Provided*, That if there be no widow, child, or previously designated dependent relative, the Secretary of the Navy shall cause the amount herein provided to be paid to any grandparent, parent, sister, or brother shown to have been actually dependent upon such officer, enlisted man, or nurse prior to his or her death, and the determination of such fact by the Secretary of the Navy shall be final and conclusive upon the accounting officers of the Government: *Provided*, That nothing in this section or in other existing legislation shall be construed as making the provisions of this section applicable to officers, enlisted men, or nurses of any forces of the Navy of the United States other than those of the regular Navy and Marine Corps, and nothing in this section shall be construed to apply in commissioned grades to any officers except those holding permanent or probationary ap-

Beneficiary to be designated.

Funds available.

Provisos.  
Grandparent, etc., if no widow, child, etc., designated.

Applicable only to regular Navy and Marine Corps.